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SOLITAIRE IMBOLE RITUAL
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On your altar should be placed a circle of 13 stones and, within the circle
of stones, a circle of 13 candles. Within the circle of candles should be spread some maize - i.e. corn meal - and in that a waxen female candle to symbolize the Goddess on your altar. On the eastern side of the altar should be placed a small sheaf of grain with a candle inserted inside it.

You should dress in your usual ceremonail garb for Magickal rites or skyclad, as you prefer.

Retire to bathe in salt-water (use sea salt) before the ritual. As you do so picture the water cleansing the soul and spirit, just as it cleanses the
body. When you have dressed, annoint yourself with a holy oil. When you have prepared yourself, sit in a dim quiet place and light a candle - ONE THAT IS NOT BEING USED IN THE RITES - and meditate on how at this time of year the Goddess in her fiery aspect AS LIGHT was welcomed back into the Temples and the Homes of the land.

Take this candle and walk slowly to your altar. Place it in the circle of the 13 candles. Then light the two altar candles, which are seperate from
the circle of lights also, and the incense. (Incense should be stick or powdered incense on charcoal in a swinging burner.) Then light all the quarter candles in the 4 directions, starting in the east and going clockwise.

cast your circle in the usual manner, but Invoke the Goddess with the following:
"Sacred womb, giver of the secrets of Life, Mother of all that exists in the Universe, I ask your guardianship of this gathering and your assistance
in my work. I am gathered in celebration of your gifts and my work is most
holy. SO MOTE IT BE"

and Invoke the God in the following manner:
"Fire of the sky, guardian of all that exists in the Universe, I ask your guardianship of this gathering and your assistance in my work. I am gathered in celebration of your gifts and my work is most holy. SO MOTE IT
BE"

(continue with the circle casting if it is not already finished)

Light the 13 candles and then the Goddess candle in the center and say:
"Warm and quickening Light
awaken and bring forth beauty
for thou art my pleasure and my bounty
LORD and LADY

OSiRIS AND ISIS" (or you may substitute whatever names your circle uses for the God and the Goddess - or those you personally prefer)

Reflect a moment on the coming of the light and offer up the incense.
say
"O ancient Ones
Timeless Goddess and Sacred King who art
the heralds of springtime and it's bounties
be with me now in celebration
 Hail to Osiris and Isis
 Harvest giver and blessed Lady
 Let this be a time and a place sacred to your power and your beauty
 SO MOTE IT BE"

Light the candle in the sheaf of grain and hold it up with the loaf of bread in the other hand and say
(or the cakes - whatever you or your tradition uses for the cakes and wine/juice ceremony)
"My Lord and Lady, as the seed becomes the grain, so the grain becomes the bread, Mark the everlasting value of our seasons and their changes. "

Break a piece of the bread or cakes off and burn it as an offering in the central candle.

Then say
" IN the deepest Icy Winter the seed of the Earth lies deep within the womb
of the Great Mother. The Spring brings the heat of the Father and with their joining comes new life. The completion of the cycle brings brings food to the children of the world. As I taste the food I shall know the wisdom of the cycles and be blessed with the food of wisdom throughout my life"
consecrate cakes and wine/juice in the usual manner and partake of them, but first raise your chalice or drinking horn and say

"Hail to thee ISIS
 Hail to thee Osiris
 For thou art blessed"

After this commune in meditation with the Lord and lady for a while, then close the circle in your usual manner.

GOOD IMBOLE